Chairman Rod Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Gerald Vap present. Chairman Johnson invited the public to address the Commission. Chairman Johnson also announced that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available in the meeting room. No announcements were made.

#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to elect Commissioner Anne Boyle as Commission Chair for 2008. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to elect Commissioner Frank Landis as Commission Vice Chairman for 2008. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Notice was duly published January 1, 2008 on Page 5 of <u>The Daily Record</u> that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held January 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Attention was called to the following proceeding:

# Monday, January 14, 2008:

10:00 Platte Conference Room, Lincoln.
Wireless E-911 Advisory Board Meeting.

#### COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Cheryl Elton informed the Commission of complaints received in December 2007. She reported that there were a total of 56 complaints: 38 - wireline and 18 - wireless. The complaints were categorized as follows: 30 billing, 18 service and 8 miscellaneous issues.

AD-420r In the Matter of United Recovery Systems, Houston, Texas, seeking authority to register the connection of an automatic dialing-announcing device: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

# COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-3883 In the Matter of Telecom Resources, Inc., Kansas City,
Missouri, seeking cancellation of its certificate to
operate as a resale carrier of intrastate interlata and intralata
telecommunication services within the State of Nebraska and to withdraw its tariff: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by
Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order granting the application.
Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank
Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-3886 In the Matter of Bandwidth.com CLEC, LLC, Cary, North Carolina, seeking authority to operate as a competitive local exchange carrier and interexchange carrier in the state of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-3887 In the Matter of Americatel Corporation, Miami, Florida, and Startec Global Operating Company, Rockville, Maryland, seeking approval of a Pro Forma Restructuring: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-3895/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking PI-134 to review the Final Report of the 2005 Audit of Qwest's Performance Assurance Plans: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order opening a docket and seeking comment. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

WC 02-278 In the Matter of Rules and Regulations implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991: Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve comments for filing. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

C-3885 In the Matter of Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company, Falls City, seeking approval of an amended interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement with Sprint Communications Company L.P., Overland Park, Kansas, previously approved in Docket C-3429. Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order approving the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

# COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

- E-2166 In the Matter of Twin Valleys Public Power District, Cambridge, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Furnas and Harlan Counties: Commissioner Vap was appointed as Hearing Officer.
- C-3554/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking NUSF-50 to investigate whether the zones established in Docket C-2516 are appropriate in light of NUSF-26 findings and conclusions. Commissioner Vap presiding as Hearing Officer: Gene Hand provided the Commissioners copies of Qwest's motion filed December 21, 2007.
- C-3884 In the Matter of Broadview Networks, Inc., Rye Brook, New York, seeking authority to operate as a resale interexchange carrier of telecommunication services within the State of Nebraska: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

911-023.39 In the Matter of Norfolk Police Department, Norfolk, seeking funding approval for recurring and non-recurring costs of Enhanced Wireless 911 implementation: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order approving funding for Phase II LEC costs. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Anne Boyle voting NAY.

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order approving funding for GIS maintenance in Dockets 911-023.60 and 911-023.61. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

- 911-023.60 In the Matter of Rock County, Public Safety Answering Point, Bassett, seeking funding approval for recurring and non-recurring costs of Enhanced Wireless 911 implementation.
- 911-023.61 In the Matter of Region 26, Public Safety Answering Point, Taylor, seeking funding approval for recurring and non-recurring costs of Enhanced Wireless 911 implementation.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

- 911-024.20 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to develop policies and process requests for access to GIS data and the GIS Repository: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order granting repository access to GeoComm. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.
- 911-030.03 In the Matter of Jeffrey L. Pursley, Director, Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department, Complainant v. Sagir, Inc., d/b/a Indigo Wireless, Respondent: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter an order dismissing the complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.
- 911-023.13 In the Matter of Keith County, Ogallala, seeking funding approval for recurring and non-recurring costs of Enhanced Wireless 911 implementation. Commissioner Vap presiding as Hearing Officer: Jeff Pursley discussed the Hearing Officer's order entered January 8, 2008, scheduling a hearing for January 29, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln and at the Educational Service Center #16, 1221 West 17th, North Platte.
- 911-031.01 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish surcharges assessed on users of prepaid wireless service and, methods for the collection and remittance of surcharges from carriers offering prepaid wireless services: TracFone Wireless, Inc. Commissioner Boyle presiding as Hearing Officer: Jeff Pursley discussed the Hearing Officer's order entered December 19, 2007, establishing a deadline of January 9, 2008 for filing of prefiled testimony and exhibits.
- 911-034 In the Matter of TracFone Wireless, Incorporated, seeking a refund from the Wireless Enhanced 911 Fund. Commissioner Boyle presiding as Hearing Officer: Jeff Pursley discussed the Hearing Officer's order entered December 19, 2007, scheduling a hearing for January 16, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, immediately following the hearing in Docket 911-031.01.
- NUSF-1, In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking PO #5 to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to grant Windstream Nebraska, Incorporated's request for an extension until February 1, 2008, to complete and file the NUSF payment audit that was due December 31, 2007. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

# TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-1, In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking PO #7 to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to grant extensions for NUSF worksheet audits that were due December 31, 2007 to the following companies. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

American Messaging: February 29, 2008; Global Tel\*Link Corporation: February 26, 2008; Charter Fiberlink: February 29, 2008; Windstream Nebraska, Inc.; Windstream of the Midwest, Inc., and Windstream Systems of the Midwest, Incorporated: February 1, 2008; Globalstar, Incorporated: January 14, 2008; Cricket Communications, Incorporated: January 31, 2008; KDDI America, Incorporated: January 31, 2008; USA Digital Communication: February 29, 2008; and Ernest Communication: January 25, 2008.

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter orders dismissing the complaints in Dockets NUSF-37.92, NUSF-37.128 and NUSF-37.136. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

- NUSF-37.92 In the Matter of Jeffrey L. Pursley, Director, Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department, Complainant v. Custom Teleconnect, Inc., Respondent.
- NUSF-37. In the Matter of Jeffrey L. Pursley, Director, Nebraska
  128 Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety
  Department, Complainant v. Ernest Communications, Inc.,
  Respondent.
- NUSF-37. In the Matter of Jeffrey L. Pursley, Director, Nebraska
  136 Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety
  Department, Complainant v. Movida Communications,
  Respondent.
- NUSF-50/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking C-3554 to make adjustments to the universal service fund mechanism established in NUSF-26. Commissioner Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Jeff Pursley discussed the Motion filed by Qwest.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

NUSF-50/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to make adjustments to the universal service fund mechanism established in NUSF-26. Commissioner Landis presiding as Hearing Officer: Jeff Pursley discussed the Hearing Officer's order entered December 17, 2007, continuing the December 18, 2007 hearing to January 15, 2007, immediately following the Commission Meeting or at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

Jeff Pursley discussed the NUSF Late-Filed Carrier Remittances: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to amend the current complaints against Matrix Telecom and NobelTel, LLC to include additional late-filed worksheets and that a new complaint be opened against Movida Communications for the late-filed worksheet of November, 2007. Additionally, that late fees be levied against Custom Teleconnect, Inc., Network Communications International and Primus Telecommunications. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

### NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

FC-1327 In the Matter of the Formal Complaint of the Nebraska Public Advocate seeking a determination that Kinder Morgan, Inc. and/or its successor in interest, SourceGas Distribution, LLC improperly implemented, billed and received payment for interim and final rates in NG-0036 for which customers are entitled to a credit or refund from Kinder Morgan, Inc. and/or SourceGas Distribution, LLC. Commissioner Vap presiding as Hearing Officer: Laura Demman discussed the Hearing Officer's order entered December 27, 2007, canceling the Oral Argument scheduled for January 7, 2008.

NG-0046/ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking PI-128 to investigate certain customer service issues and plans relating to SourceGas Distribution LLC, f/k/a Kinder Morgan, Inc., Lakewood, Colorado. Commissioner Vap presiding as Hearing Officer: A Customer Service Workshop scheduled for January 15, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln.

P-0012.7 In the Matter of Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks, Omaha, providing notice required by Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 66-1863, as amended, that it intends to extend or enlarge its service area or extend a gas main: Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order closing the docket.

Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

### NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

Laura Demman informed the Commission of consumer complaints and inquiries received in December 2007. She reported there were a total of 18 complaints and inquiries: Aquila - 9; SourceGas - 7; and Other Entities - 2.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rule and In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking Regulation to amend Title 291, Chapter 7, Transmission Lines Rules and #170 Regulations, to adopt rules regarding wires crossing any railroad track at public highway crossings in the State of Nebraska in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 75-702 to 75-724. Commissioner Schram presiding as Hearing Officer: Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an order issuing the first set of revised proposed rules and scheduling a hearing for February 27, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

#### TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1700 In the Matter of Zalt, Inc., d/b/a Central Limousine
Supp. 1 Services, Grand Island, seeking to extend the authority
held by Zalt, Inc., d/b/a Central Limousine Services, in
Certificate B-1700, Supplement 1. Commissioner Johnson presiding
as Hearing Officer: Upon agreement of all Commissioners, the video
hearing previously scheduled for January 17, 2008, was continued to
January 23, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln; Nebraska State Office Building, Room 207, 2nd Floor, 1313
Farnam Street, Omaha; Grand Island Public Library, 211 North
Washington Street, Grand Island; Educational Service Unit #16,
Distance Learning Room, 1221 West 17th Street, North Platte; and,
Panhandle Research and Extension Center, High Plains Room, 4502 Avenue
I, Scottsbluff.

# Rate Division

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to enter orders granting the applications in Dockets LR-286 and LR-287 as modified, on an emergency basis: Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE, and Commissioner Anne Boyle present not voting.

# TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

- LR-286 In the Matter of Omaha Ambulance Service, Inc., Omaha, seeking authority to adjust its rates and charges.
- LR-287 In the Matter of American Ambulance Service, Inc., Omaha, seeking authority to adjust its rates and charges.
- MR-930 In the Matter of Movers and Warehouse Division, Nebraska Motor Carriers Association, Lincoln, seeking authority to establish a fuel surcharge in Nebraska Official Goods Tariff 7F: The fuel surcharge was increased to 88 cents per mile.

# GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve the following Commission invoices. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

| United States Post Office | \$<br>550.00 |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Voyager                   | 1,431.75     |
| Kent Pribyl               | 670.81       |

The following invoices were paid between December 19, 2007 and January 7, 2008 and should be ratified:

| DAS-Central Finance-Office Supplies DAS-Central Finance-Communications Bill Cornhusker State Industries Anne Boyle Tim Schram Gerald Vap | \$<br>631.89<br>3,435.74<br>672.00<br>465.60<br>428.74<br>911.84 |
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| NEBRASKA EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM  |  |
| Aksarben TDD Service   | \$<br>1,000.00   |
| Alternative Hearing  | 330.00   |
| Associated Hearing Health Care   | 320.95   |
| B Hear Inc.  | 1,828.05   |
| Beltone  | 2,749.35   |
| Glassman's Hearing Aid Service   | 260.00   |
| Grand Island Hearing Aid Center  | 4,210.36   |
| Hearing Aid Center of Columbus   | 169.95   |
| The Hearing Clinic   | 950.00   |
| Carl A. Johnson Jr.  | 353.95   |
| Johnson Hearing Aid Service  | 748.32   |
| League of Human Dignity  | 616.85   |
| Professional Hearing Aid Services  | 1,284.65   |
| Sherard Hearing Aid Center   | 1,610.80   |
| Teltex   | 1,461.93   |

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Cont.)

| U-Save Pharmacy & Medical Supply | \$<br>606.45 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Weitbrecht Communications        | 1,496.90     |
| Western ENT Associates           | 554.90       |

Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission minutes for December 2007. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Frank Landis, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize Fred Massing to travel to and conduct a modular housing unit factory inspection at Wardcraft Homes in Clay Center, Kansas on January 14, 2008, with all expenses, including time, to be reimbursed by Wardcraft Homes. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to renew the ESRI Maintenance Contract. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Jerry Vap, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to purchase two (2) 2008 Chevrolet Impala Intermediate 4-door Sedans. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

Motion made by Commissioner Frank Landis, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Vap, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to accept the resignation of a Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department employee and open the position for hire. Motion passed with Commissioners Anne Boyle, Rod Johnson, Frank Landis, Tim Schram and Jerry Vap voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m. with Commissioners Boyle, Johnson, Landis, Schram and Vap present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on January 14, 2008.

| Chair | Executive Director |
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